

MEMORANDUM

To: Eligible Units of Local Government

From: Tanya E. Johnson
Youth Division Director

Re: Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG) Announcement

Date: February 8, 2008

The Omnibus Crime Control & Safe Streets Act of 2002 enacted by Congress authorized the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program. Eight (8) local communities in Indiana are eligible for a direct allocation of JABG funds. Governor Daniels has designated the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) as the state agency to administer Indiana's JABG funds. Accordingly, I am writing to alert you to the availability of these funds and to provide you with specific information concerning the funding requirements and process for awarding JABG allocations to eligible units of local government.

JABG Program Purpose Areas and Funding Distribution

The intent of the JABG program is to provide states and units of local government with funds to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system, and increase the accountability of juvenile offenders. As such, JABG funds must be spent in one or more of 17 Program Purpose Areas.

Allocations for each unit of local government are based on a formula prescribed by federal law: two-thirds (2/3rds) is based on each jurisdiction's share of average expenditures for law enforcement, corrections, and court-related activities within the jurisdiction and the remaining third (1/3rd) of the allocation is determined using available data on each jurisdiction's share of average number of arrests for Part I Index crimes. **Units of local government whose allocation is determined to be \$10,000 or above are eligible to receive a direct award from the state.** A list of allocation amounts for FY 2006 direct award is enclosed. ("FY 2006 JABG Indiana Allocations")

Allocations to eligible units of local government will be made in accordance with the administrative requirements specified by JABG legislation and guidelines developed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). These administrative requirements are detailed on page 36 of the application entitled "Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG): Administrative Requirements", which provides general information about the JABG Program. As always, all awards will require a 10% match, participation with Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) and a 5% restricted use for planning and administration (P/A).

Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition Requirement

All units of local government applying to receive a JABG allocation are required, by federal regulation, to establish a **Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC)**. The JCEC will be responsible for the development of a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and should include individuals representing the following: (1) police; (2) sheriff; (3) prosecutor; (4) probation; (5) community corrections/detention; (6) juvenile court; (7) schools; (8) public defender; (9) business; and (10) religious affiliated, fraternal, nonprofit, or social service organizations involved in juvenile justice issues.

The JABG Program provides an opportunity to reinforce sound juvenile justice practice already occurring in Indiana communities, as well as advance existing practices/initiatives through the addition of new programs and personnel to provide appropriate services and sanctions to juvenile offenders. **As such, ICJI strongly encourages communities to consider designating an already existing board or collaboration of boards to meet the JCEC requirement.**

Utilization of JABG State Share

In recognition of the key role played by counties in coordinating juvenile justice planning and services, the State has determined that its JABG share (the state's original 25% share plus funds that revert back to the state from those jurisdictions that do not qualify for the minimum allocation of \$10,000) will be made available for distribution among Indiana's 92 counties. Counties which are eligible for receipt of a direct allocation may also apply for the competitive grant; however, the grants will first be offered to localities which are not eligible for a direct award. This redistribution will ensure that a majority of counties are eligible to receive at least a minimum JABG allocation of \$10,000 upon the submission and approval of a JABG application.

Options for Eligible Municipalities (Non-County Units of Local Government)

Non-county units of government eligible to receive JABG allocations will be given the opportunity to select one of the following options regarding the use of their allocation:

- (A) Non-county units of government (cities/towns) may establish their own JCEC, develop their own enforcement plans to reduce juvenile crime and use their allocation independent of the county to implement their plans.
- (B) Non-county units of government may join in a regional coalition with their county. By establishing a regional coalition their allocation will be combined with the county allocation to implement a county-wide enforcement plan to reduce juvenile crime.

Application Procedures

New applications for the JABG program must be postmarked by March 1, 2008. Copies of the application may be downloaded at <http://www.in.gov/cji/youth/applications.html> and then double click on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) link to access the document.

Once again, grant applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2008.

Please contact Lynn Kirkland, Youth Division Grants Manager with any questions you have concerning the materials or the JABG program in general. She can be reached by phone at (317) 234-4387 or e-mailed at lkirkland@cji.in.gov.